

Victim-Witness Assistance Program

Mission:

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program intends to promote sensitive treatment of and provide direct services to victims of crime.

Goals:

- Respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims.
- Assist victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization.
- Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system.
- Provide victims with information and referral for services.
- Inform victims and witnesses of their rights pursuant to victims' rights legislation and Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act.

Implementation Strategies for FY2005:

- Staff will maintain current level of volunteer recruitment to assist with special projects and help provide more comprehensive services to an increased number of victims and witnesses.
- The program will assist victims of spousal abuse, stalking, and bodily injury who seek civil protective orders by providing Court accompaniment and referrals to community agencies.
- Program personnel will enhance community awareness of the program through public service announcements and other community activities, especially during Victims Rights Week, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- Staff will continue to pursue new projects and collaborative efforts with allied professionals.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2002, funding was provided for work-as-required staffing to support an increased number of victims and witnesses.
- In FY2003, funding was provided for an additional part-time employee; therefore, work-as-required money will no longer be needed.
- In FY2004, the decrease in personnel costs was due to turnover in staff.
- For FY2005, increase reflects the routine replacement of computers.

General Fund Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Actual Expenditures	FY2003 Actual Expenditures	FY2004 Original Budget	FY2004 Expected Appropriations	FY2005 Adopted Budget
20222 Victim-Witness Assistance Program						
Personnel Services	92,616	102,053	97,466	105,150	105,150	113,151
Contractual Services	878	385	544	400	400	800
Other Charges	3,571	3,627	4,525	6,900	6,900	6,310
Materials & Supplies	1,916	753	2,540	1,600	1,600	1,200
Capital Outlay	2,100	-	1,641	-	-	1,500
Grant Activity	-	-	-	-	736	-
Activity Total	<u>101,081</u>	<u>106,818</u>	<u>106,716</u>	<u>114,050</u>	<u>114,786</u>	<u>122,961</u>
Percentage Change	11.64%	5.68%	-0.10%	6.87%	N/A	7.81%

FTE's

Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional/Technical	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Admin/Clerical	-	-	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.50</u>	<u>2.50</u>	<u>2.50</u>	<u>2.50</u>

